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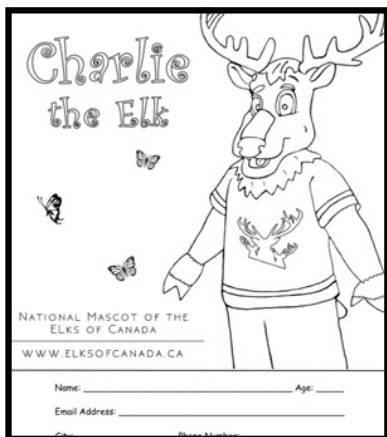
ALBERTA ELKS NEWS



Charlie is Here!!

CHARLIE HAS ARRIVED SAFE AND SOUND TO HIS NEW HOME IN ALBERTA! AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE PICTURE CHARLIE FEATURES PURPLE SHORTS, ELKS CREST ON THE FRONT OF HIS SHIRT AND ON THE BACK HE FEATURES THE ALBERTA ELKS FOUNDATION. CHARLIE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR LODGE TO RENT. PARADES, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, PRESENTATIONS ARE ALL GREAT REASONS TO INVITE OUR FAVORITE ELK INTO YOUR COMMUNITY. RENTAL FEE IS \$150.00 AND THE APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND ONLINE. CHARLIE IS BOOKED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. THIS MEANS THAT THE LODGE TO GET A ORDER FORM ALONG WITH A CHEQUE TO THE ALBERTA ELKS ASSOCIATION OFFICE WILL BE AWARDED THE DATE.

Charlie the Elk Coloring Contest



As with any new ELK, comes new opportunities. Alberta Elks Communications Committee invites your lodge and your community to take part in our coloring contest. Entries are due May 1, 2020 and will not be accepted after that date. Winner of the coloring contest will win a \$100.00 Amazon gift card and be featured at our Provincial Conference. For a full list of contest rules and to download the coloring contest sheet please visit our website at <http://elksofalberta.ca>. Coloring sheets can be found under News and Notices.

National Volunteer Week

**APRIL
19-25**

Do you have an outstanding member in your lodge that you would like to recognize? We would like to recognize them to! Your Provincial

Communications Committee hosting our own Volunteer week ELKS edition. Nomination forms are available on our website at <http://elksofalberta.ca> under news and notices. It is important that you fill out the form and send a picture to elks.secretary@abelks.org so we can properly recognize our fantastic volunteers. Volunteers will be featured on our Facebook page and receive a certificate of appreciation from the Association. Thank you for participating.



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Tabs for Tots Success

Brooks Elks Lodge #77 took a page out of Olds Elks Lodge's playbook this past month. The idea came before Christmas after hearing about this brilliant idea Olds dreamt up of getting the schools involved with helping others.

Brooks Elks approached their three local elementary schools to see if they were interested in having classroom competitions to see who could collect the most tabs and recyclables. The winning class from each school would receive a pizza party for their class. The contest started January 6 and ran until weigh in day February 14th. Brooks Industrial Metals joined members of the Brooks Lodge to assist with the weigh in. The competition was fierce; results were incredible. The grade 4 class at Uplands Elementary School alone gathered 218LBS.. to turn in.

When kids returned to classes February 24th, Charlie surprised the winning classes and caused excitement in the hallway. He brought along eight large pizzas per class, juice boxes and ice cream. It was an enjoyable event all around and safe to say there are not very many people in Brooks who don't know about Tabs for Tots.



VEGREVILLE FLOOR CURLING

Vegreville Elks Lodge hosted their first Floor Curling Tournament February 1, 2020. It was a day full of fun and friendly competition as ten teams from Alberta gathered to show off their skills. Vegreville got the idea to do this while talking about projects at the Alberta Elks Provincial Conference and Chairman Brother Allen Kornicki was more than happy to take on the challenge. Teams were welcomed to a meet and greet Friday night and curling started Saturday morning. Wonderful job Vegreville Elks!



"A" Event Winners Vegreville



"B" Event Winner Breton



Floor curling participants



Elk Point got the Consolation Prize

Alberta Elks Association Annual Toy Drive

in support of
Alberta Children's Hospital
Stollery Children's Hospital

Last year with the support of the Brothers and Sisters of this great organization we were able to raise \$6000.00 and hundreds of new toys, books, crafts, and puzzles for our Alberta Children's Hospitals. This year I believe we can do it again and more! Join the Alberta Elks Association in our 2nd Annual Toys Drive!

Over 50% of children born in Alberta will access a children's hospital in one form or another. For many of our Elks families the children's hospitals have played an active role in their lives. This is a small way to help pay it forward to help kids be kids during their stay in the hospital!

Children's hospitals try to make the kids as comfortable as possible. They provide the children with craft rooms, play rooms, libraries, play areas and more. Due to the severity of some of the illnesses toy swapping isn't always possible. Toys get damaged easily during the sterilization process, making restocking toys a high priority! Children admitted into the hospital during their birthday's or Christmas receive a present as well!

Wish List

- Toys
- Books
- Crafting Supplies
- Markers
- Sketch Pads
- Playdoh
- Video Games
- Board Games
- Electronics
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Ear Buds
- Adult Activity Books
- Kid Bandaids
- Small Lego Kits
- Walmart Gifts Cards
- Michaels Gift Cards
- Sports Check Gift Cards
- I pads
- Laptops

Cash donations can be sent to the Alberta Elks Association, Po Box 445, Bentley AB, T0C 0J0. Mark it for Toy Drive in the memo. Donations will be split between the Alberta Children's Hospital and the Stollery Children's Hospital



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Exalted Ruler Brother Clayton Gillespie of Stavelly Elks Lodge #112 (Largest lodge outside of a city) presents a cheque for \$1500.00 to Davina Cornstock for the Foothills Junior Achievement Program.



On January 21, 2020 Kimberley Elks Lodge #90 sponsored the Kimberley vs Fernie game. District Deputy Brother Aurel Beaudin was on hand to drop the puck for the ceremonial face off.



ELKS

The Carstairs Elks Lodge #556 would like to thank the Carstairs Elks for sponsoring and supporting this year's festival on Saturday, May 30, 2020.

We would also like to acknowledge how the Elks support this community:

- Hosting the annual spring garage sale for 31 years
- Hosting the Elks Curling Bonspiel for 21 years
- Supply funding to the Elks Purple Cross Fund for children
- Providing a Science Scholarship at Hugh Sutherland School
- Helping with funding for local achievements like the Splash Park, Skate Park, Columbarium, ball diamonds and two playgrounds.
- Sponsoring the food bank, minor hockey, football, junior curling, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, rodeo, and 4H.



Many thanks!



Carstairs Elks Lodge #556 making a donation to the Carstairs Heritage Festival. Well Done Carstairs



Exalted Ruler Brother Clayton Gillespie of Stavelly Elks Lodge is joined by Provincial President Brother Darren Scott to present cheques last month. \$1000.00 was presented to Tyson and Tannas Klys for the Nanton Jr. Curling Club. A Cheque for \$1250.00 was presented to Kendra Blumhagen representative for the Two Schools One Book Program for West Meadows and Stavelly Elementary Schools



Does your lodge have something they would like to share in the newsletter, website or Facebook? Email it to elks.secretary@abelks.org





THE DIFFERENCE MAKERS



Alberta Elks Association Communications Committee wants to recognize you, the lodges of the Alberta Elks Association for your tireless work. Congratulations and well done lodges! The total on the certificate is since 2011 and the totals were from what Grand Lodge has on file from your reports. Your number is amazing. Be proud of your number, we sure are! Communications kindly remind the District Deputies to forward pictures to the association office. Lodges we encourage you to put your picture into your local newspaper to remind your town how important you truly are.



YEARS OF SERVICE PINS



Brother Russel Holben
20 years



Sister Doris Dargis
5 years



Brother David Francoeur
35 years



Brother Lawrence Ostepichew
40 years



Brother Larry Cole
60 years



Brother Robin Webster
45 years



Brother Gerry Czapp
50 Years





Provincial President Visits

March 4, 2020	Trouchu Elks #168	8:00 P.M.
March 5, 2020	Vegreville Elks #143	7:30 P.M.
March 10, 2020	McLennan R.P. Elks #62	7:30 P.M.
March 15, 2020	Crossfield Elks #416	8:00 P.M.

Brother Darren would like to thank all the lodges that hosted him during his travels. He invites everyone to join him in Whitehorse this year for the Provincial Conference

**ALBERTA ELKS
ASSOCIATION**



**CONFERENCE
2020**



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CONFERENCE 2020

WHITEHORSE, YUKON JUNE 2 – 4, 2020
HOSTED BY WHITEHORSE LODGE #306

You are Invited to attend the Alberta Elks Association and Alberta Elks Foundation Conference in Whitehorse Yukon. At the request of the Association Executive, dates have been changed to Tuesday June 2 (6:00 pm) to Thursday, June 4, 2020. This is a shift of dates but more easily accommodates air travel schedules.

*Yukon...the Magic and the Mystery of the North.
Come early...stay late...experience the North at its best.*

Please take the time to help us plan for your visit to Whitehorse Yukon for the Alberta Elks Association Conference 2020. Sessions are planned to be held at the Lodge (401 Hawkins St.) and General Information and Forms are attached. More information will be available in the newsletter and on our website as it becomes available.

"Get the Worm" Early bird Deadline:	March 15, 2020	\$ 150.00
Regular Early Bird Deadline:	April 30, 2020	\$175.00
Regular Registration	after May 1, 2020	\$200.00

Send registrations to:
Whitehorse Elks Lodge #306, 401 Hawkins St., Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1X7

Co-Chairs Gary Hewitt (867) 335-1552 or Barbara Evans (867) 333-0440 will be happy to answer any of your questions concerning registrations.

Fraternally,

Hope Hartley

Hope Hartley,
Exalted Ruler
Whitehorse Elks Lodge #306

Additional Conference information
is available on our website including
information for Golf, Trips, and
more

Membership Corner

Your Provincial Membership Committee would like to remind all lodges that the Lodge Membership Retention is available on our website under membership. They are asking that you take your completed Membership Retention Plan to your District Meeting.

GETTING HERE and WHERE TO STAY

AIR TRAVEL:

Air North (Yukon's Airways) is the Conference Host Airline offering direct flights between Calgary, Edmonton and Whitehorse and they will be offering 10% discount if you use the convention code when BOOKING. In addition, travellers 60+ are entitled to an additional 10% discount. (See website for more information) Air Canada flies to Whitehorse via Vancouver. During the summer, WestJet also flies direct from Calgary with connections from Edmonton. (MORE INFO on following page)

The Whitehorse International Airport is about a five minute drive from downtown. Transportation will be available for those who advise of their arrival and departure dates and times. Hotel Shuttles are also available and taxi expense to hotels downtown would be about \$20.00

TRAVEL BY ROAD: Travel to Whitehorse by the Alaska Highway will require several days from the Edmonton area. There is accommodation all along the way, both hotel/motel and RV camping (private and government). It's about 900 miles from Dawson Creek, B.C.

TRANSPORTATION: Shuttles will be available from hotels and RV parks as requested.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Watch the Website...we will be offering a number of special events!

CONFERENCE AGENDA: Watch the Website...we will be updating events and the conference agenda as time goes by!

**ALBERTA ELKS
FOUNDATION**



51st ANNUAL RAFFLE

First Prize

\$30,000 CASH

**Second Prize
\$10,000 CASH**

**Third Prize
\$5,000 CASH**

**Fourth Prize
Fas Gas
Gift Cards
Value \$1500**

PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE ENABLE
US TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO:
I.S.T.A.R. - Institute for Stuttering Treatment & Research,
Training, Research and Treatment of Stuttering in Children and Adults
Local Community Projects
Support Local Minor Sports, Youth Groups, Playgrounds, etc.
Assistance to Underprivileged Children
With Equipment to Live and Learn in Special Schools
Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children
Supply Hearing Aids and Tests for Canadian Children

**Tickets
\$2 each OR 3 \$5 for**

FINAL DRAW DATE JUNE 27, 2020

All draws to take place at Didsbury Elks Hall, 1914 - 20th St., Didsbury, AB T0M 0W0

Early Bird Draws

**March 12, 2020
\$500 Fas Gas Gift Card**

**April 9, 2020
\$750 Fas Gas Gift Card**

**May 14, 2020
\$750 Fas Gas Gift Card**

79,390 TICKETS PRINTED

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Coming Soon

GOWNS FOR GRAD

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE

DIDSBURY ELKS

The Didsbury Elks are looking for gently used Grad clothing and accessories that we can use for our upcoming Gowns 4 Grad promotions. These events will be open to any high school graduate in the County of Mountainview with no strings attached. We are looking for dresses, suits, shoes, jewelry, any items that will help to make graduation a memorable event for the less fortunate.

If you would like to donate clothing, or cash to assist with purchases of accessories we may need, please contact Terry @ 403-556-0882 or Joan @ 403-556-5207 to arrange for pick up.

Dates for try-ons:

January 25, 2020 11am to 4pm
January 29, 2020 7pm to 9pm
February 8, 2020 11am to 4pm
February 19, 2020 7pm to 9pm
February 22, 2020 11am to 4pm
More dates to come!

All grads welcome to come and pick out an outfit and make your grad a special day.



GOWNS4GRADS

SUITS FOR GUYS

ROBIN HOOD LEARNING CENTRE
141 Broadway Blvd. Sherwood Park

Feb 8 & 9 Noon – 4 pm
Feb 15 & 16 Noon to 4 pm
March 7 & 8 Noon to 4 pm
March 14 & 15 Noon to 4 pm
April 25 & 26 Noon to 4 pm

Sherwood Park Elks presents
Annual Mystery Dinner
"Rocky Mountain Murder"
April 4, 2020
\$40 Per Person - Doors Open 5:30PM
Introductions: 6:30PM
Supper: 7PM
141 Broadway Blvd. Sherwood Park

Spring Crafts & More SALE
Saturday, April 25th
10 AM - 4 PM
11823 - 129 Avenue, Edmonton, AB
Elks Royal Purple Lodge #22
To book a table (\$20.00)
contact: Val Wilson
Phone: 780.987.3131 or
email: stuwilson@airsurfer.ca

*It is with great excitement that the
Trenville Royal Purple Elks #245
invites you to our
60th
Anniversary Celebration
April 25th, 2020*

Elnora Community Hall, 407 2nd Ave, Elnora Alberta

Afternoon Tea
12 noon to 3 P.M. Drop-in Gift Basket Raffle

Evening Reception
\$30/ person, tables of 8
5:30 Cocktails 6:30 Dinner
Door Prizes Gift Basket Raffle 50/50 Raffle
My Brothers Keeper Raffle Draw
Table wine & cash bar
Please RSVP by April 1, 2020

Come and stay with us!
Elnora Hotel 202 Main St, Elnora, AB (403) 773-3567
St. Ann Ranch Country Inn 335062 Range Rd 234A, Trochu, AB (403) 442-3924
Ladysmith Cafe & Lodging 110 1 Ave N, Trochu, AB (403) 442-2900

Do you have an upcoming event you would like to advertise.
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Lodge Project Idea

Community Easter Egg Hunt



STEP 1 Realize what's involved.

The great thing about this fundraiser is that the upfront costs are minimal and enjoyable! Provided you plan well and look for Easter items at reduced prices, you will make a tidy profit. You will need to plan the hunt space, supervise the hunt, have an Easter bunny, and advertise well. You will need to have the following:

- Easter eggs and other Easter candies
- Easter decorations
- Plastic Easter egg covers
- bunny costume (or Charlie(hire or borrow))



4 Buy the goodies.

It is important to know the size of your hunting ground first, as this will determine how many goodies it can handle. The more, the better, as this means more kids can go on the hunt, increasing your fundraising. For good deals, look at the following:

- Large stores with sales on Easter fare
- Candy stores
- Costco and similar places with bulk Easter items
- Ask for a donation from a local businesses (convince them by explaining your good cause and offering to advertise them well; ask for banners, etc., of theirs that you can display on the day of the hunt)
- Ask for a donation for a major prize or two to make the hunt really exciting. Local retailers will often help out in return for advertising

Step 7 Create the advertising and spread the word.

Create posters and fliers to advertise the event. Put the posters up on street fronts, on bulletin boards, in shop windows, etc., and give out the fliers or even mail them if this is within your budget. Ask the schools to send home fliers with the students. Ask the local radio stations to advertise and see if you can get a news item on TV too



Step 10 During the event, supervise well.

- Make sure that children are not trying to get more turns than they have paid for and keep an eye on gathering too many prizes without payment.
- Have volunteers keep filling hiding areas if appropriate. Keep a record of prizes that have been won, especially the big ones.
- Hold the games and supervise well, give out prizes.
- Take the photos with Easter Bunny and either produce the photos on the spot or get people's email addresses to email them copies

Step 2 Find a suitable location.

It might be school grounds, a local park, a large garden of someone happy to have kids running around it, a sports field with interesting features at the sides, etc. The area must be one that is safe for children and can be easily supervised when the kids are on the hunt. Do not hold it where there are such dangers as cliffs, dangerous waterways, druggie parks, etc

Step 5 Decide on what the hunt will involve.

This will require a knowledge of what eggs and candies you will be able to source at a good price, as well as knowing the terrain of the area. Map out the hunt space and ensure that there will be adequate hiding spots for the eggs and candies that you will be purchasing. The hunt shouldn't just be about finding an egg; you can also include:

- Easter games
- A chance to talk with Easter bunny or have a photo taken
- A chance to find one really special, very worthwhile prize (for example, something containing a gift voucher)

Step 8 Set the fee for the Easter Egg hunt.

There are many ways to do this but keep in mind that you will need to keep costs down and there should be fairness involved.

- Consider how many finds constitute the end of the hunt and then, if a child wants to keep looking, they need to buy another chance to do so.
- A fee per child of around \$3-5 is reasonable.
- Increase the price depending on what you offer. For example, taking a photo of a child with Easter bunny can add another few dollars

3 Set the date.

Don't set the date on Good Friday or Easter Sunday as this is the time for family reflection and celebrations. Instead, the weekend before, or the Easter Saturday might be good times. Take the time of day into account; afternoon can be good for the best light and to avoid clashes with sports events, etc



Step 6 Find volunteers.

You will need a bevy of volunteers able to do the following:

- To set up the hunt and put out the eggs, candies, etc.
- To be Easter bunny
- Keep an eye on the hunt, to ensure kids don't wander off, to martial disputes, to add more eggs, etc.
- Help with advertising, signs, etc



Step 9 Prepare for the hunt.

- Fill plastic Easter eggs with candies, wrap any eggs that might be affected by melting snow or rain in food plastic, create the major prize(s), etc.
- On the morning of the hunt, or an hour or two before it, have volunteers go around hiding the items in suitable places. These places should be staked out well before putting the prizes in place. The major prize(s) should be extra well hidden.
- Prepare the photo taking area with Easter Bunny

